

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Francois Lagace

Confirmation No.: 2909

Application No.: 10/606,292

Group No.: 1746

Filed: June 25, 2003

Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin

For: WASHER PRESSURE EQUALIZATION SYSTEM

**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP
1746**

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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION—TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY			
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	10	MINUS 20	= 0	x	\$ 50.00	= \$	0.00
INDEP	1	MINUS 3	= 0	x	\$ 200.00	= \$	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+	\$ 0.00	= \$	0.00
				TOTAL		\$	0.00
				ADDIT. FEE			

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

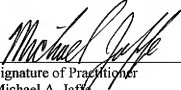
5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 50-0537.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.